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Appointment of a member of the Committee on Contributions

Note by the Secretary-General

Addendum

1. As indicated in the note by the Secretary-General dated 16 April 2002 (A/56/102/Add.1), as a result of the resignation of Kazuo Watanabe (Japan) from the Committee on Contributions, the General Assembly at its current session will be required to appoint one person to fill the vacant seat on the Committee for the period beginning on the date of appointment and expiring on 31 December 2003.

2. The Secretary-General wishes to inform the General Assembly that the Government of Japan has nominated Kenshiro Akimoto for appointment to the Committee on Contributions for the above-mentioned term of office.

3. The candidate's curriculum vitae follows.

Kenshiro Akimoto (Japan)

Born: 26 June 1935

Academic history

1964	University of Strasbourg, international law, international relations.
1963	University of Bordeaux, international law, international relations.
1959	Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Spanish and Ibero-American studies, international law, international relations.

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Diplomatic career

1993-1997	Ambassador of Japan to Costa Rica.
1989-1993	Permanent delegate of Japan to UNESCO, Ambassador.
1989	Minister, Embassy of Japan in France.
1987	Minister, Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations.
1986	Minister, Embassy of Japan in Uruguay.
1981	Director, Office of International Organization, Economic Cooperation Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
1978	Counsellor, Embassy of Japan in Italy.
1978	Office of the Law of the Sea, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
1969	Office of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
1967	United Nations Bureau, administrative and budgetary matters of the United Nations.
1965	Permanent Mission of Japan to international organizations in Geneva (budgets of the United Nations and the specialized agencies).
1962	Senior foreign service officer examination.

Other professional experience

1959	The Bank of Tokyo, head office (Foreign Exchange Officer).

Relations with the United Nations system

1999-	Member, United Nations Staff Pension Committee.
1988-1994	Member, Committee on Contributions.
1987-1994	Fifth Committee of the General Assembly (alternate representative, administrative and budgetary matters).
1969-1971	Sixth Committee of the General Assembly (Conventions on the privileges and immunities of special missions and representatives to international organizations, etc.).
1968	Fifth Committee of the General Assembly.
1966	Third Committee of the General Assembly (International Covenants on human rights).
1967-1968	ECOSOC meetings.
1987-1993	UNESCO General Conferences and other meetings.
1966-1968, 1993	General Conferences of WHO, WMO, ILO and other specialized agencies.

Other international conferences and meetings

1965	Asia-African Conference, Algiers.
1974	Asia-African Consultative Committee, Tokyo.
1973	ICAT mecting, Madrid.
1980-1981	OECD (DAC) meetings on Japanese economic assistance.
1980-1981	Joint meetings of IMF/World Bank.

Languages

Working languages: English, French and Spanish; adequate knowledge of Italian and Portuguese.